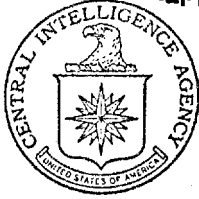


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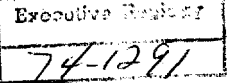
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Dr. Edward Teller  
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Dear Dr. Teller:

Last Friday Admiral Anderson gave me a copy of your memorandum to PFIAB on the question of the Russians returning to nuclear testing in the atmosphere. Its receipt is timely, since on the preceding day the USIB had approved a recommendation by General Giller of AEC that this question be re-examined in depth by the intelligence community. General Giller's concerns arose from the discussion at the symposium you attended. Your thoughtful comments will be a valuable and much appreciated input to that re-examination.

At USIB direction, the re-examination will be conducted in the first instance by the JAEIC committee. JAEIC has been instructed to perform a thorough evaluation of the technical factors relevant to the question, without reference to any judgments about political factors. The JAEIC study is scheduled for completion by the end of this month. On the basis of JAEIC's findings, the USIB will determine the appropriate further action, which could well involve incorporation of broader political factors and inclusion in a forthcoming national intelligence estimate or special memorandum.

Your memorandum will be included in our study materials and you will be provided with a copy of the results. Once again, we thank you for your contribution.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ W. E. Colby

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